

NOTES AND NEWS

PROPOSED CALIFORNIA TREE ATLAS. For several years I have been compiling detailed distributional maps in collaboration with W. B. Critchfield. Eighty-six tree species native to California, and adjacent fringes of Nevada, are included. This U.S. Forest Service project is largely based on Vegetation Type Map Survey, Soil Vegetation Survey, and Forest Survey sources. Much of the data has been available for decades but never in a convenient form. For some species the available Forest Service data yield relatively complete maps. For others the coverage is marginal, and we need help.

In 1970 working copies of the new compilations should be available for all species. I hope to place copies for review in the larger botanical centers in California. Several sets will be circulated to interested individuals. This note is a plea to those kind hearted souls who have unpublished tree distribution items stored away. Perhaps some of you can contact me before publication of the final atlas. Unpublished tree records from any part of the state, even for the more obvious species, would help. But data about specific range limits or isolated colonies in Lassen, Modoc, Napa, Siskiyou, Trinity counties and all of the Mojave region would be particularly helpful.—JAMES R. GRIFFIN, Hastings Reservation, Carmel Valley, California 93924.

THE CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY. The annual meeting of The Classification Society, North American Branch, will be held April 8–9, 1970 at Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio. For further details, write the Program Chairman, Doctor Joseph Kruskal, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07994.

The Classification Society, founded in Great Britain in 1964, has as its main purpose the promotion of cooperation and interchange of views and information among those interested in the principles and practice of pattern recognition and classification in any discipline that uses them. As a result, its membership includes anthropologists, biologists, computer and information specialists, geologists, librarians, linguists, psychologists, soil scientists and others.

The Society seeks to provide unique services to its members. These include symposia on classification that are not discipline-constrained and a project under consideration that will result in a bibliography of articles dealing with the theoretical and applied aspects of classification. Supplements to the original bibliography would be issued periodically.

Business of the Society is conducted by a Committee elected by the membership. The Society recently organized into two branches, The European Branch and the North American Branch. Other branches will be organized as the need arises. Current membership numbers around 300, divided equally between the two branches. Annual dues are U.S. \$3.00 and entitle members to receive copies of the Bulletin of the Society, which contains contributions of both a formal and informal nature. Membership applications may be obtained from the Secretary, Doctor Theodore J. Crovello, Department of Biology, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556, or from Doctor J. Willmott, Department of Computation, University of York, Heslington, York, England.